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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel, OGC

SUBJECT : H.R. 6370, A Bill to Provide for the Establishment
of the Foreign Affairs Strategic Advisory Board

H.R. 6370 was circulated to those offices normally having interest in such legislation. The comments and criticism quoted below adequately express their deep interest and concern in the outcome of this Bill.

a. "The powers of this Board as set forth in Section 7 (6), Pages 4 and 5 appear to be excessive in that the Board is authorized"...to secure directly from any executive department, agency, ...such information, suggestions, estimates and statistics as it may require in carrying out its duties under this Act; and each such department agency ...is authorized and directed to furnish such information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics directly to the Board ..." (underlining done by Commenting Office). 'Inasmuch as this power is not qualified in any way CIA could experience considerable difficulty in protecting sensitive sources as well as sensitive operational information.'"

b. "The position and functions of such a Board in a wartime situation are not dealt with in the proposed Bill. This matter should be clarified."

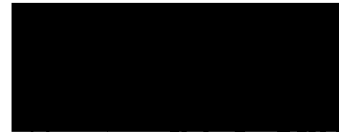
c. "Would not the functions of this proposed Board duplicate many of the functions of already established groups such as the IAC, NSC, OCB, etc?"

d. "Appointments to the Board might better be for services - 'for such time as the President and Senate may desire' rather than for specified terms such as 2,

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6, 8, 10 years. (i.e., The cold war may (a) turn into a hot war or (b) reach an adequate state of adjustment among nations; either of which condition could foreseeably obviate the need, if any currently exists, for such a Board.)"

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